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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 18, 2003 in the above-identified application.

☐ One month      ☐ Two months      ☒ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: **March 18, 2004**      until: **June 18, 2004**  
Date Date

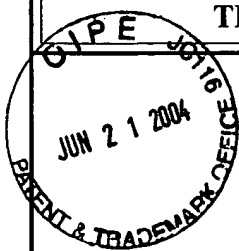
## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 -	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$950.00</b>

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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

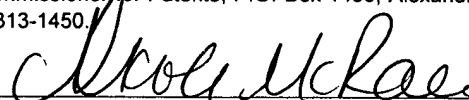
- ☐ A check in the amount of **\$950.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. **02-1666** in the amount of **\$950.00**
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

  
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